

## Meeting Summary

Subject: ACEC/NC - NCDOT Multimodal Subcommittee Meeting

Date: Tuesday, February 03, 2026

Location: NCDOT Highway Building Rail Conference Room # 509 / Microsoft Teams Virtual

Invitees	Julie White	Allison Anolik	
	Brennon Fuqua	Betty White*	
	Greg Keel	Emily Poole	
	Jason Orthner	Robert Kirk*	
	Jed Dixon*	Steve Karnis*	
	Marta Matthews*	Suzanne Young*	
	Nick Short*	Bob Deaton*	
		Katharine Mather	
		Erin Musiol*	
		Nick Landa*	* indicates virtual attendance

### Discussion Topics:

- Recap of October 28 subcommittee meeting
- Division Updates (Contracts, Projects, etc.)
  - Rail
    - Corridor ID, no update on advertisement
    - No new advertisements until Summer 2027
    - S-Line Update:
      - Anticipate CRISI grant funds to be obligated soon
      - Due to FRA requirements, NCDOT Rail Division will be lead agency on entire corridor (NC and VA), VPRA will still have involvement and input, will remain the conduit to VDOT
      - Rail Division has reached out the selected firms to provide updates
      - FRA is looking for project advancement to a major milestone in 12 months
      - Rail Division working with selected firms to discuss the need for scopes and estimates
    - Rail Division is submitting two national railroad grant applications:
      - S- Line Wake Forest to Franklinton, Final Design, Right of way and Construction: \$500M
        - Received approval from Wake Transit Plan for \$125M over 7 years to use as local grant match

- Piedmont Improvement Safety Program (Raleigh to Greensboro):  
\$300M
  - 9 grading crossing closures
  - 5 grade separations
  - 5 miles of trackwork
- Announcements on these grants will be made in Summer 2026 with obligation in 2027
- Ferry
  - Continue to move forward with Silverlake CMGC
    - Will be asking for consultant assistance
  - South Dock Feasibility Study is ongoing
  - Awarded Federal Lands Access Program (FLAP) grant to study passenger ferry service to Ocracoke, Cedar Island
    - Will seek engineering and design assistance through on-call contracts
  - Will be looking for owner's rep on vessel project
- Aviation
  - No new ads for another 18 months, just awarded the Innovations LSC
  - Awarded planning grants to 5 organizations, will be a second round, will open grant applications this spring
    - For updating planning documents, strategic planning for new technology
    - Will pair organizations with LSC teams
  - Advanced Air Mobility (AAM)
    - NCDOT submitted application for the eIPP (Electric Vertical Takeoff and Landing Integration Pilot Program)
      - If selected, will test technologies with FAA
- IMD
  - Currently looking at budget, to go for large sums to do multiple planning projects
  - Applied for SPNR funds for bike/ped plans, bike/ped studies, transit feasibility studies
  - Statewide Pedestrian & Bike plan update advertisement coming out in the next 2 months, update to the 2013 plan, also putting out strategic plan advertisement
  - Received Federal Lands Access Program (FLAP) grant (\$4M) for US 12 pedestrian crossings adjacent to public land (13 crossings)
    - Working with Division 1
  - Wake Forest BUILD grant
    - \$16M for land acquisition, design and preliminary construction
    - Applying for another grant for remaining construction cost (asking for \$25M with 20% local match)

- Additional feedback on multimodal grant program
  - Bundle grants or raise grant amounts so firms do not lose money on these plans and to increase the likelihood of utilizing subs (especially DBEs)
  - Assign plans directly through on-call, do not make firms on the on-call recompile
- LAP Discussion
  - Updates on LAP support approach
    - Looking to finalize the handbook by the end of March
    - Looking to create a web-based document from the handbook
- Misc.
  - Toll credit pilot project
    - Started effort, working to determine IMD's role
    - IMD met with the Divisions who had projects, will now meet with project teams
      - Will determine whether additional resources are needed or not
    - AECOM is leading the efforts, will bring in additional consultant support as needed
    - Looking for 2-3 projects that are able to move quickly into construction.
  - Bus Rapid Transit
    - Will have next BRT working group focusing on Chapel Hill North/South BRT project
    - Construction Management contract has been advertised and is closed
  - SPOT 8.0
    - Have not received list of multimodal projects yet from SPOT unit
    - IMD is reviewing that projects are ready to move forward (have realistic estimates and project limits)
  - Status of DBE Goals for NCDOT Contracts
    - No updates

**Action Items:**

- No action items